

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED ART

As discussed in the November 1, 2007 Amendment, Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) were filed on March 22, 2007 and August 31, 2007, as evidenced by the Electronic Acknowledgment receipts attached to the November 1, 2007 Amendment. Applicants again respectfully request the Examiner to return initialed copies of the IDSs, indicating that the references cited thereon were considered. In addition, it appears that the article entitled Anonymous: "Hardware Control of Isochronous Data Transfer between P1394 and PCI Busses," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 38, No. 5, May 1995, pp. 83-88," listed in the May 27, 2004 IDS, was inadvertently not initialed. Applicants again respectfully request that the Examiner initial this reference.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 14, 2008. Claims 53, 54, 56, 57, 59 and 60 are presented for examination, of which Claims 53, 56 and 59 are in independent form. Claims 52, 55, 58, 61 and 62 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 53, 56 and 59 have been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of their respective base claims. Claims 54, 57 and 60 have been amended to correct claim dependency. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that Claims 53, 56 and 59 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended each of Claims 53, 56 and 59 into independent form, and consequently these claims are seen to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 52, 54-55, 57-58 and 60-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,729,033 (Yoshida). Claims 52, 55, 58, 61 and 62 have all been cancelled, and the remaining independent claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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